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Dear Justice Department,

As a consumer of software products, I would like to petition the Justice Department to break up Microsoft. I believe that Microsoft's monopolistic practices have severely limited the choices available to the end users. Additionally, I firmly believe that by tying the operating system and its software products together, Microsoft has not only limited consumer choice, but has also perpetuated the use of inferior software products in the marketplace. Without choices, the consumer is limited to using inferior software products, and does not benefit by natural innovation that comes about by companies competing in the marketplace. I would conservatively estimate that Microsoft has set the software development industry back 7-10 years.

I hope that when the final decision is made, consideration is given to not only Microsoft's competitors, but also to how this large monopoly has effectively stagnated the advancement of the industry as a whole.

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